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Art Unit: 2611

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated October 6, 2004, the Applicants elect to prosecute the invention in Group II, which includes claims 19-27. This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to Applicants' rights to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of non-elected claims 1, 15, 16, 28 and 29.

Entry and favorable consideration of the present Response is respectfully requested. The Applicants believe that all elected claims are patentable and early allowance is requested. To expedite the prosecution of this application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the Applicants' undersigned representative to discuss any issues regarding this application.

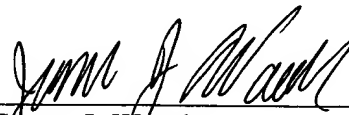
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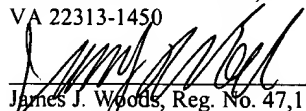
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